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State E-scrap Contractor Files for Bankruptcy; New RFP in the Works

Creative Recycling Systems (CRS) has ceased all operations in Kentucky as of Aug. 20 and has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. A new request for proposals (RFP) is in the works for a new state e-scrap contractor.

What does this mean for Kentucky, its counties, and its school systems?

According to Tom Heil, an environmental scientist with the Division of Waste Management and member of the state's e-scrap committee, "The state's executive branch is stockpiling its e-scrap material until a new contract can be awarded. E-scrap RFP/contract committee members from the Commonwealth Office of Technology, Division of Waste Management, and the Office of Procurement Management are in the process of drafting the new RFP."

Heil said a new contract could be awarded within 60 days or so of the RFP posting.

For those interested in the RFP for the contract, all the information will be published through the state's procurement website at <http://finance.ky.gov/services/eprocurement/page/default.aspx>.

New Study Finds Americans Struggle to Recycle Outside the Kitchen

According to *Resource Recycling*, a new study indicates that while three of four Americans say they recycle at least occasionally, less than half of survey respondents divert materials used in non-kitchen areas of their homes.

The study commissioned by Johnson & Johnson and carried out by Cone Communications, found that the two significant barriers to non-kitchen recycling are "the lack of room-specific recycling bins and clear product labeling."

According to report findings, just 46 percent of survey respondents said they "always" recycle, while another 26 percent reported they "almost always" recycle. About 10 percent of adults said they never or rarely recycle and 18 percent stated they "sometimes" recycle.

Approximately 56 percent of U.S. households are outfitted with a kitchen recycling bin, the study found, and 43 percent of homeowners said there's also one in either the garage or basement. Beyond those arenas, however, recycling bin prevalence drops: 21 percent of laundry rooms and 14 percent of both home office spaces and bathrooms contain bins.

As for the "clear product labeling," the study found that a little more than 20 percent of consumers say they recycle only items that are clearly labeled as recyclable and 28 percent report recycling items they know are recyclable.

One bright piece of data from the study suggested that two-thirds of children learned about recycling in school and 62 percent of parents said their children were "very motivated" to recycle.

For more study information, visit <http://www.conecomm.com/recycling-in-the-home-survey>.

Recycling Market Prognosis

Resource Recycling reports that recycling market players suggest these trends for September and October:

	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Price</u>
Ferrous	Domestic driven	Edging up slightly
Aluminum	Sufficient	Flat
Paper	No major change	Inching higher
Plastic	Robust	Strong for HDPE



COMMODITY	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
<u>PAPER-\$/TON</u>	RISI Official Board Markets (Midwest/Chicago area) FOB							
-	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
#2 mixed paper	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40	\$35-40
#37 sorted office paper (SOP)	\$125-135	\$125-135	\$125-135	\$125-135	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$130-140	\$120-125
#8 ONP	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55	\$50-55
#40 sorted white ledger (SWL)	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$200-210	\$210-220	\$210-220	\$200-210
#11 OCC	\$90-100	\$200-211	\$80-85	\$75-80	\$75-80	\$75-80	\$70-75	\$90-100
<u>PLASTICS-¢/LB.</u>	Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - FOB							
-	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
#1 PET - mixed (clear & green)	\$0.19	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.19	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.17
#2 HDPE (natural-milk jugs)	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.46	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.38
#2 HDPE (colored-detergent btl.)	\$0.30	\$0.32	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.30	\$0.28	\$0.30	\$0.21
<u>GLASS-\$/TON</u>	Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered							
-	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
clear (flint)	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
brown (amber)	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
green	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
<u>METALS</u>	Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered							
-	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
aluminum beverage cans (UBC) cents/lb.	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.84	\$0.79	\$0.78	\$0.79	\$0.79	\$0.70
	Recycling Markets.Net/Secondary Materials Pricing - Delivered							
	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Sep-13
steel cans \$/TON	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120	\$110-120



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